Head Quarters 5th September 1777

Dear General

This moment I received your Favour of Yesterday from Bennington, & Notice, the Contents. be Assured I shall keep my Time, & doubt not but you will Yours; I can not give intire Credit to the intelligence brought you by the Person you mention, I fancy Europians, Americans, &c, are considerably Out Numbered: or all Former information, is False. Your Intelligencer either Imposes upon You, or has been imposed upon himself - but I am confident you will not Trust him, with any of Our Secrets. It is not impossible, considering the Avarice, and Villainy of Mankind, but he may have been corrupted By The Bribery of Burgoyne. therefore Watch him, the part of a Double Spy, is but too Commonly acted. I am pleased at your receiving so Good a Supply of Ammunition from General Heath. & not less so, at Your being in so fair of way of geting provisions & Carriages — I am Dear General

Your Affectionate

Humble Servant

Horatio Gates

Hon.ble Majr Genl. Lincoln

Please to turn Over.

P.S.

This will be delivered to You by Capt. Lieut. Sumner of the Artillery whom I send to Manage your Field Pieces ——

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